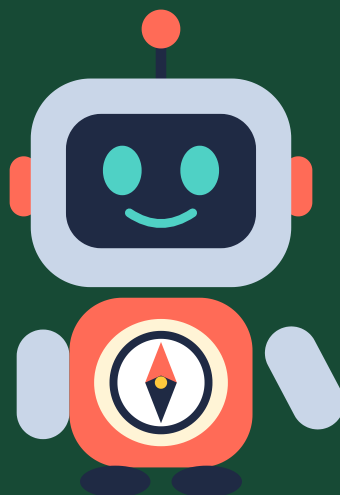




The Christmas Puzzle Pack

30 puzzles for ages 4 to 10, with answer keys

Word searches · mazes · secret codes · picture sudoku · number pyramids · number patterns · number machines · story problems · picture sums · detective cases · odd one out



This pack belongs to:

How to use this pack

There are ten puzzles for each age group, easiest first. Start with your child’s age, and move up when it feels easy. Colour a star for every puzzle solved. When all the stars for an age group are coloured, fill in the certificate.

Little and often. One or two puzzles a day keeps it fun.

Praise the effort. “You kept going after that dead end” matters more than speed.

Answers at the back. Check together and talk about how they solved it.

Levels: 1 Starter (4–5) · 2 Easy (4–7) · 3 Medium (6–7) · 4 Tricky (8–10) · 5 Challenge (8–10). Levels follow skills as well as age: if a level feels easy, move up one.

#	Puzzle	Group	Level	Time	Star
1	Christmas Word Search	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
2	Take the present to the tree	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
3	Ring the bell, follow the star	Ages 4–5	2 · Easy	5 min	★
4	Christmas Secret Word	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
5	Christmas Tree Picture Sudoku	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
6	Snowy Number Pyramid	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
7	Twinkle Lights Number Patterns	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
8	Christmas Story Problems	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
9	Christmas Picture Sums	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
10	Christmas Odd One Out	Ages 4–5	1 · Starter	5 min	★
11	Christmas Word Search	Ages 6–7	3 · Medium	10 min	★
12	Fill the stocking	Ages 6–7	3 · Medium	10 min	★
13	Christmas Riddle Code	Ages 6–7	3 · Medium	10 min	★
14	Christmas Tree Picture Sudoku	Ages 6–7	3 · Medium	10 min	★
15	Snowy Number Pyramid	Ages 6–7	3 · Medium	10 min	★
16	Santa’s Workshop Number Machine	Ages 6–7	3 · Medium	10 min	★
17	Twinkle Lights Number Patterns	Ages 6–7	3 · Medium	10 min	★

1

Christmas Word Search

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

Find and circle each word, then tick it off the list. Words go across from left to right.

K	B	E	L	L	A
A	G	I	F	T	R
W	T	M	M	V	J
T	R	E	E	V	E
H	T	S	T	A	R
F	N	T	V	L	R

☐ BELL

☐ GIFT

☐ STAR

☐ TREE

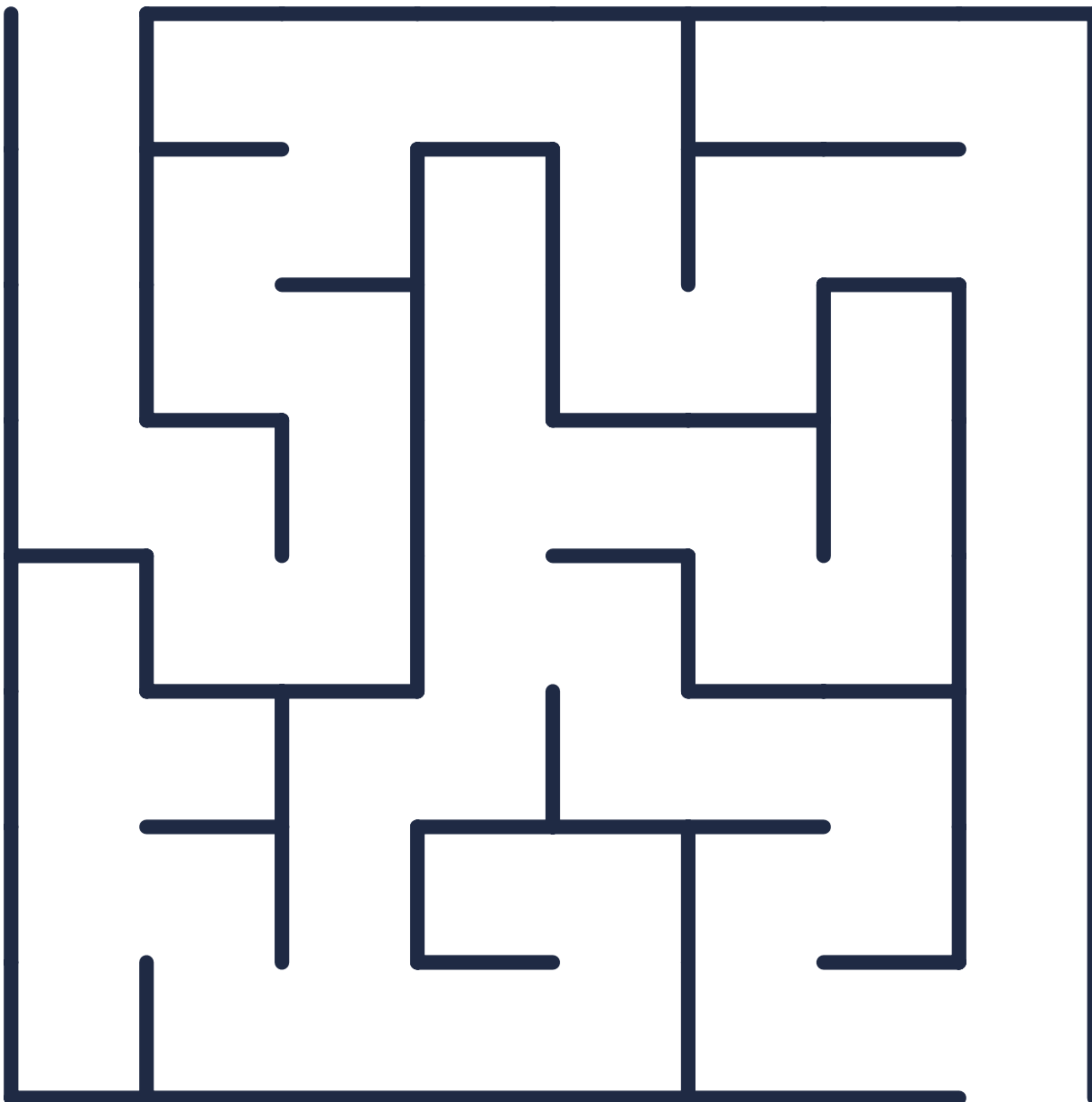

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

Start at the present and find the one path to the tree. Use a pencil so you can rub out dead ends.





Start



Finish

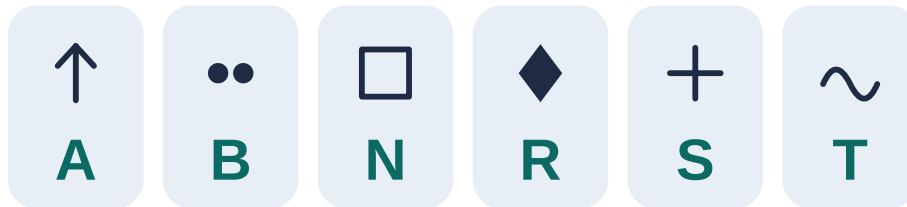


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Christmas Secret Word

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

Use the key to swap each shape for its letter. What is the secret word?



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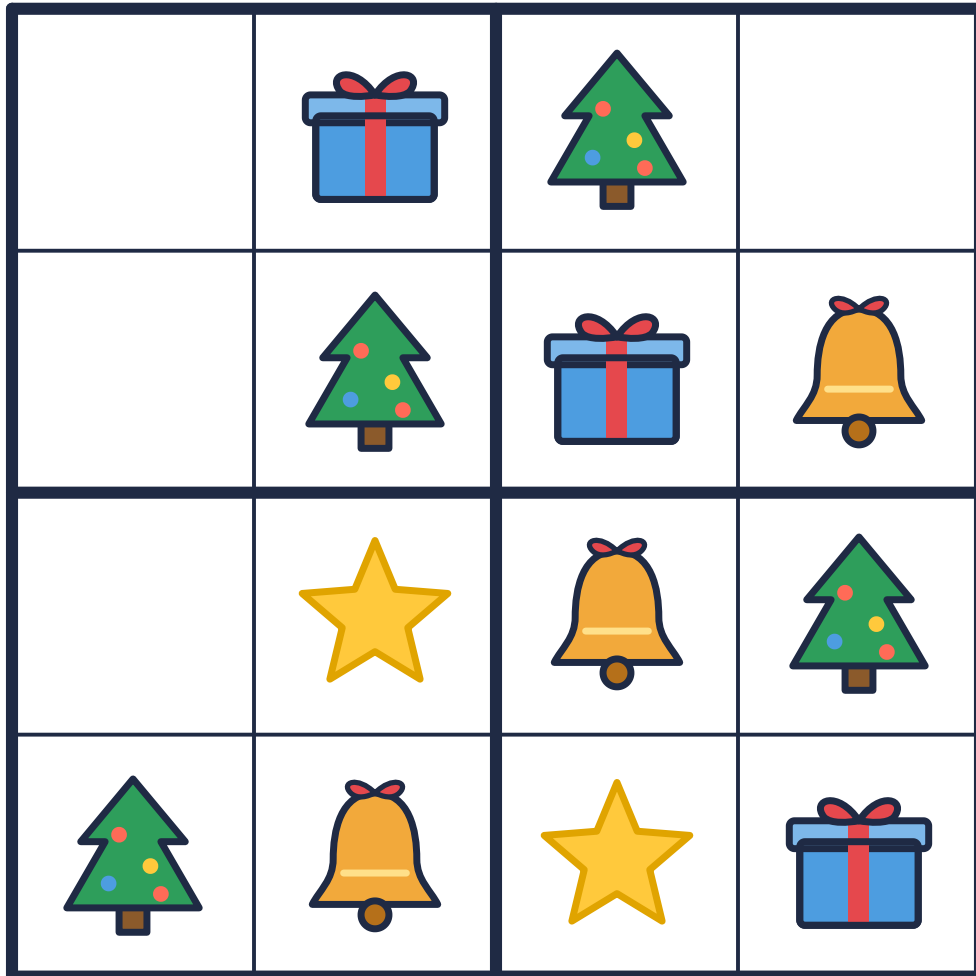


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Christmas Tree Picture Sudoku

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

Draw the missing pictures. Each picture appears once in every row, every column and every 2×2 box.

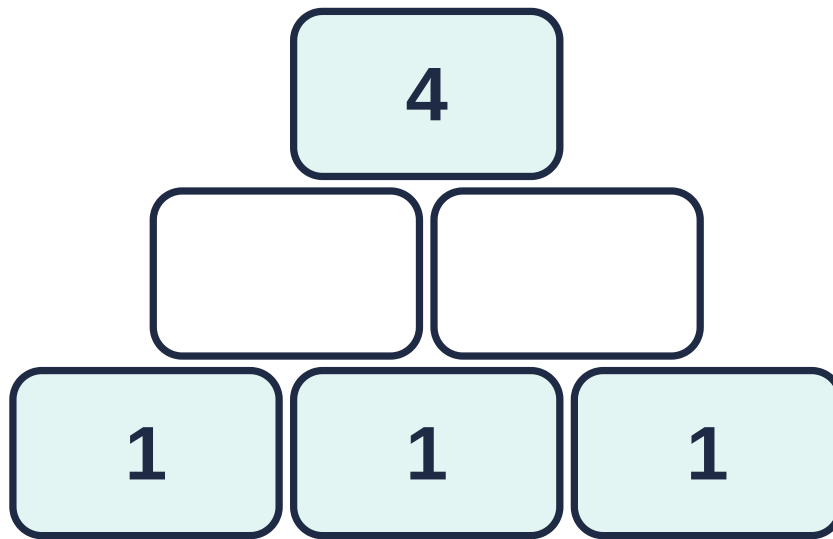


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Snowy Number Pyramid

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

Each brick is the sum of the two bricks under it. Add to fill in the empty bricks.



7

Twinkle Lights Number Patterns

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

Look at the pattern. Write the missing numbers in the empty boxes.

1.

0	2	4	6	
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2.

3	5	7	9	
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3.

2	3		5	6
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8

Christmas Story Problems

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

Read each story carefully. Draw a picture if it helps, then write the answer in the box.

- 1 There are 4 presents under the tree and 2 more on the chair. How many presents are there?

Answer:

- 2 There are 7 cookies on a plate. Santa eats 3. How many cookies are left?

Answer:

- 3 Zoe hangs 5 red baubles and 3 gold baubles. How many baubles does she hang?

Answer:



9

Christmas Picture Sums

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

Each picture stands for a number. Use the values given to work out each sum.

$$\text{bell} = 6$$

$$\text{tree} = 4$$

$$\text{tree} + \text{tree} = \boxed{?}$$

$$\text{bell} + \text{bell} = \boxed{?}$$

$$\text{tree} + \text{bell} = \boxed{?}$$



10

Christmas Odd One Out

Ages 4–5 · Level 1 (Starter) · about 5 minutes

In each row, circle the picture that is different.

1.



2.



3.



4.



11

Christmas Word Search

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Find and circle each word, then tick it off the list. Words go across, down or diagonally.

L	P	D	W	V	G	O	S	W	T
G	H	N	F	R	U	F	T	D	U
E	D	S	U	T	F	O	O	V	M
I	V	N	I	T	O	K	C	V	N
V	B	O	A	R	T	A	K	J	M
B	N	W	M	E	F	W	I	J	I
E	E	M	A	E	S	A	N	T	A
L	L	A	G	I	F	T	G	S	Y
L	F	N	M	B	V	I	A	U	C
B	U	C	I	H	N	K	R	R	U

☐ BELL

☐ ELF

☐ GIFT

☐ SANTA

☐ SNOWMAN

☐ STAR

☐ STOCKING

☐ TREE


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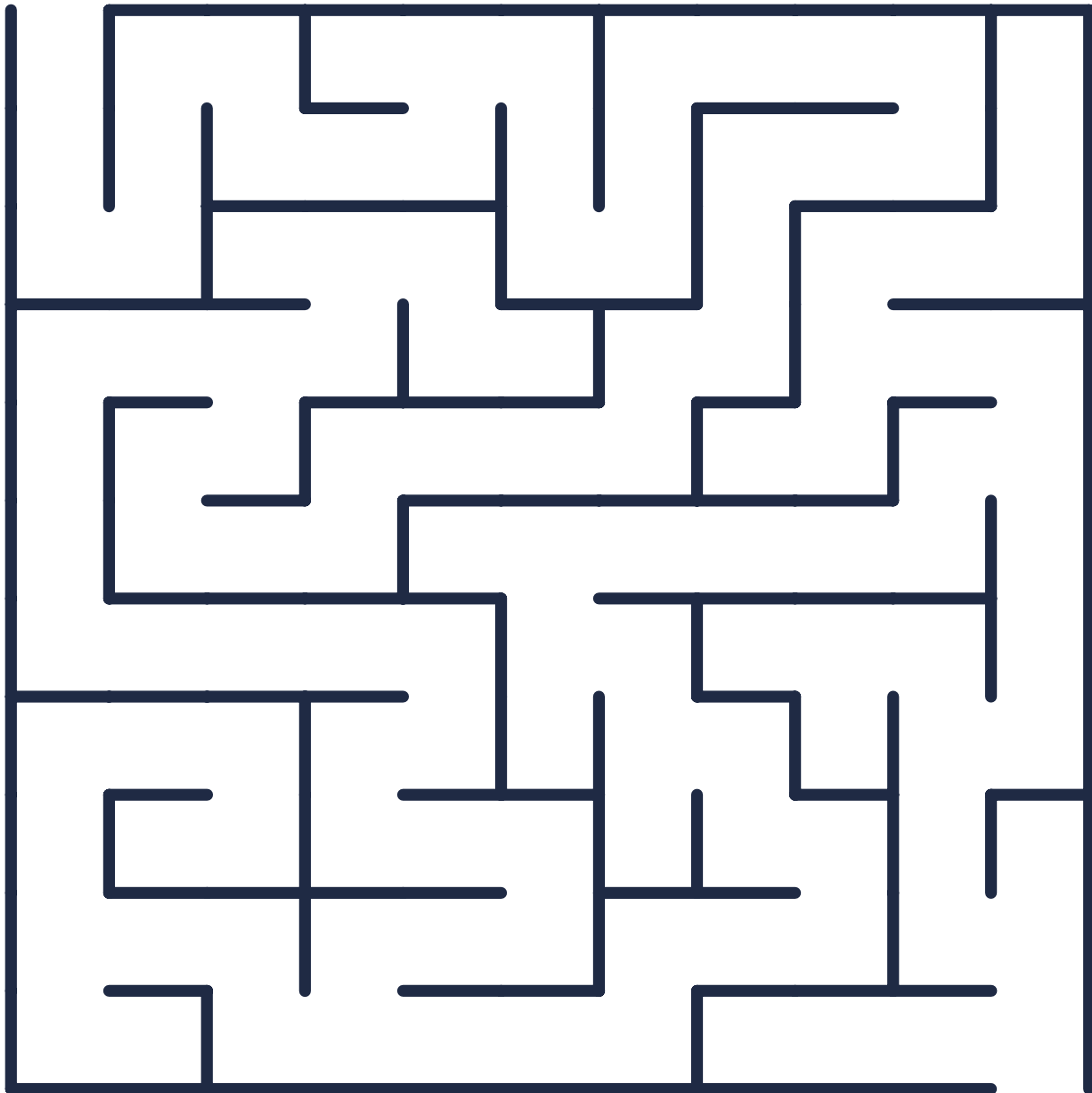
Fill the stocking

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Start at the candy cane and find the one path to the stocking. Use a pencil so you can rub out dead ends.



Start



Finish



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Christmas Riddle Code

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Read the riddle, then crack the code to find the answer.

Who has a carrot nose and melts in the sun?

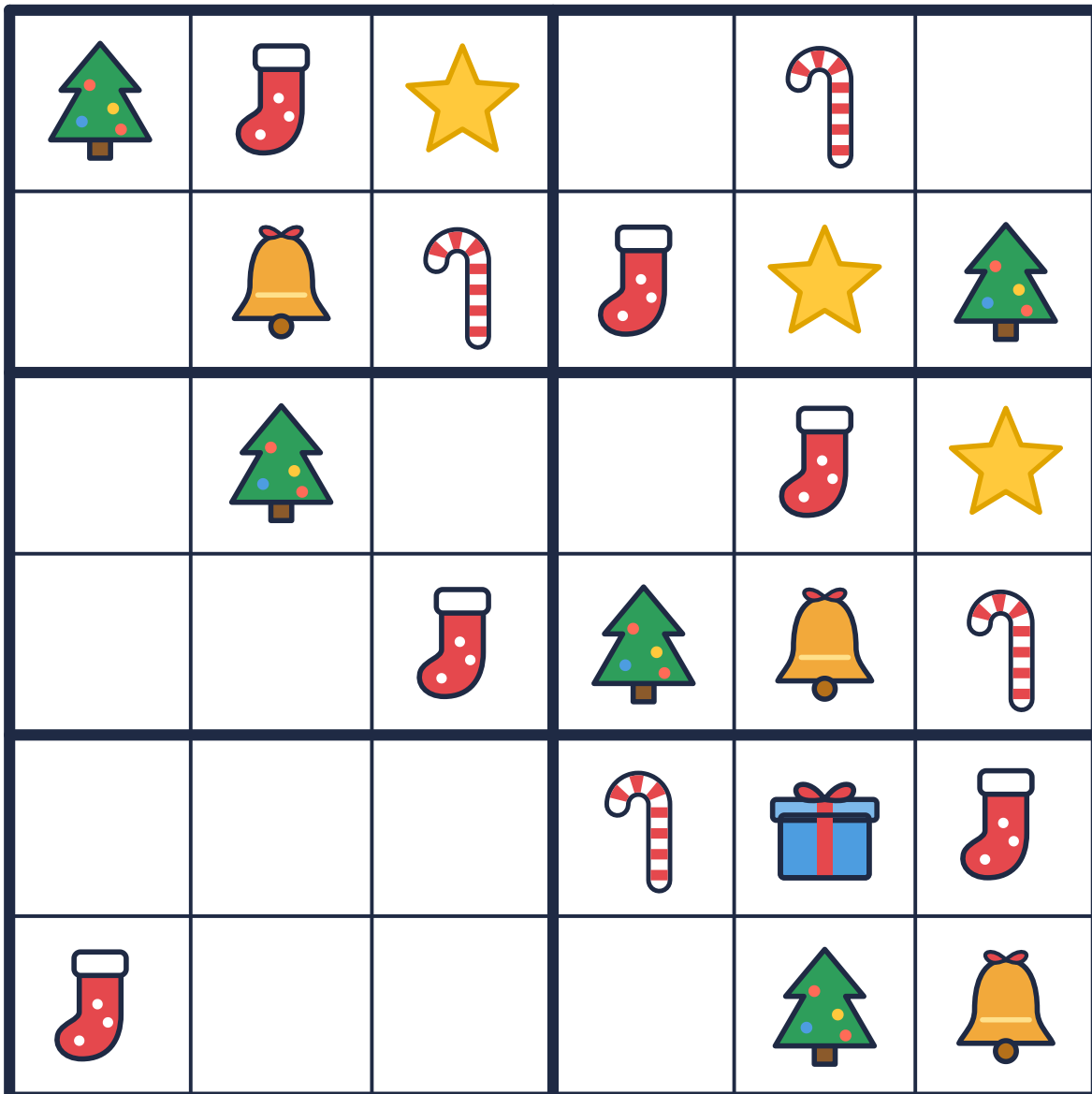
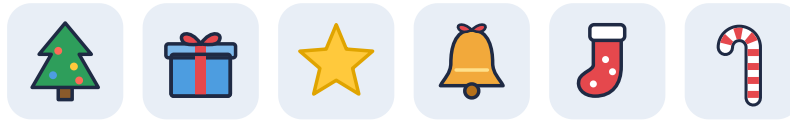


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Christmas Tree Picture Sudoku

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Draw the missing pictures. Each picture appears once in every row, every column and every 2 × 3 box.

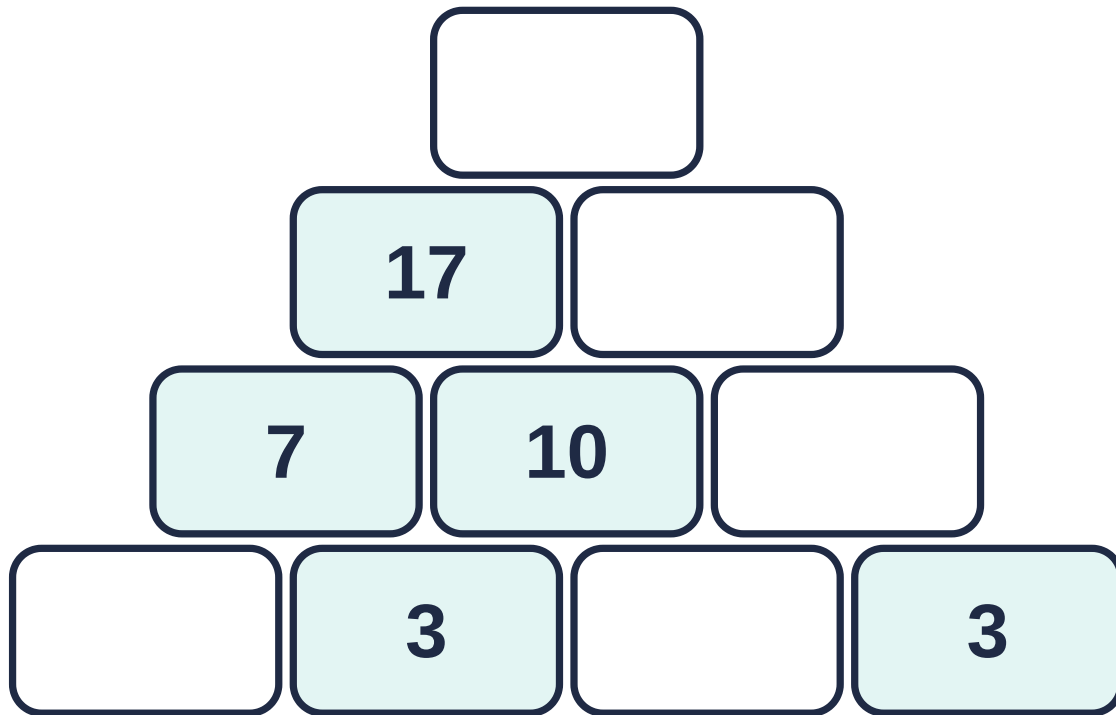


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Snowy Number Pyramid

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Each brick is the sum of the two bricks under it. Some empty bricks need adding and some need taking away.



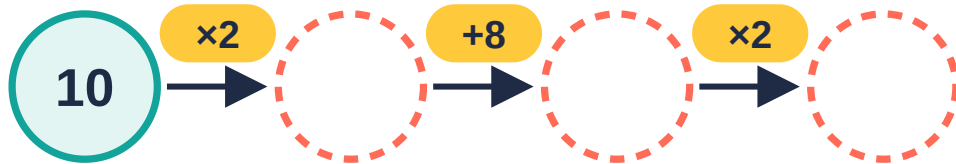
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Santa's Workshop Number Machine

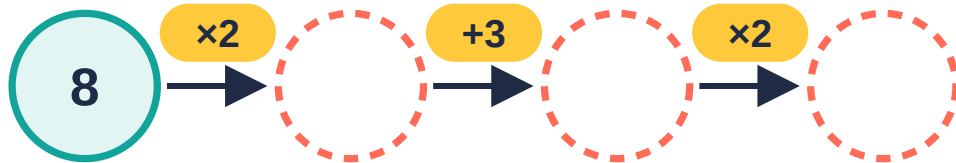
Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Start with the first number. Do each step in the yellow tags and write the answer in the next circle.

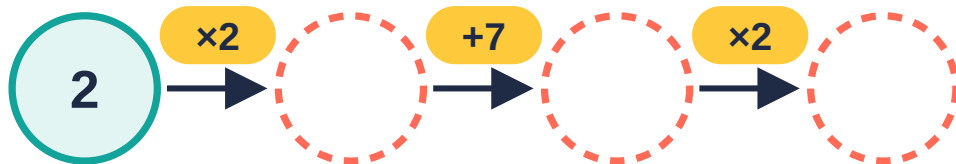
1.



2.



3.



17

Twinkle Lights Number Patterns

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Work out the rule for each pattern, then write the missing numbers.

1.

64

82

88

94

2.

28

43

48

53

3.

16

13

7

4

4.

53

60

81

88



18

Christmas Story Problems

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Read each story carefully. Draw a picture if it helps, then write the answer in the box.

- 1 20 candy canes are shared equally between 2 friends. How many candy canes does each friend get?

Answer:

- 2 Each stocking holds 5 treats. How many treats are in 4 stockings?

Answer:

- 3 32 children are singing carols. 15 go home. How many are still singing?

Answer:

- 4 The party starts at 4 o'clock and lasts 3 hours. At what o'clock does it end?

Answer:

o'clock



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Christmas Detective Case

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

Read the clues like a detective. Use the grid to mark what each child has and likes, then fill in the answer.

Clues

1. The child eating the apple has the parrot.
2. Hana does not have the dog.
3. Kofi does not eat the mango.
4. The child eating the cherry has the cat.
5. Kofi does not have the parrot.

	Pet			Fruit		
	cat	parrot	dog	cherry	apple	mango
Ben						
Hana						
Kofi						

Tip: put ✓ for yes and × for no. Each row and column has only one ✓.



20

Christmas Odd One Out

Ages 6–7 · Level 3 (Medium) · about 10 minutes

In each row, circle the one that does not belong. Can you say why?

1.

swan

tiger

koala

lion

2.

oval

circle

square

eagle

3.

oval

triangle

cherry

square

4.

19

27

4

9



21

Christmas Word Search

Ages 8–10 · Level 5 (Challenge) · about 20 minutes

Find and circle each word, then tick it off the list. Words hide in all eight directions, including backwards and diagonally up.

T	T	J	S	E	V	E	E	S	W	C	R	O	P
N	E	V	O	U	M	F	S	P	L	K	R	T	Y
I	V	M	W	J	R	L	A	D	T	N	P	M	L
I	H	O	U	M	E	W	R	E	A	T	H	W	N
J	O	W	P	I	K	R	H	M	H	H	G	D	F
C	U	S	G	T	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S	K
U	H	H	Y	T	A	N	N	I	I	O	L	F	E
B	B	R	S	E	T	E	A	K	N	R	W	C	Y
N	D	E	I	N	G	W	C	T	E	D	F	L	J
S	N	V	F	S	T	O	Y	A	A	P	E	J	J
G	R	L	L	F	T	I	D	S	R	P	H	E	G
R	U	N	D	S	K	M	N	W	R	O	M	R	R
B	S	N	O	W	F	L	A	K	E	E	L	J	H
C	Y	E	N	M	I	H	C	S	U	Y	J	S	O

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ☐ CANDYCANE | ☐ CAROLS | ☐ CHIMNEY |
| ☐ CHRISTMAS | ☐ MITTENS | ☐ ORNAMENT |
| ☐ PRESENTS | ☐ REINDEER | ☐ SLEIGH |
| ☐ SNOWFLAKE | ☐ STOCKING | ☐ WREATH |



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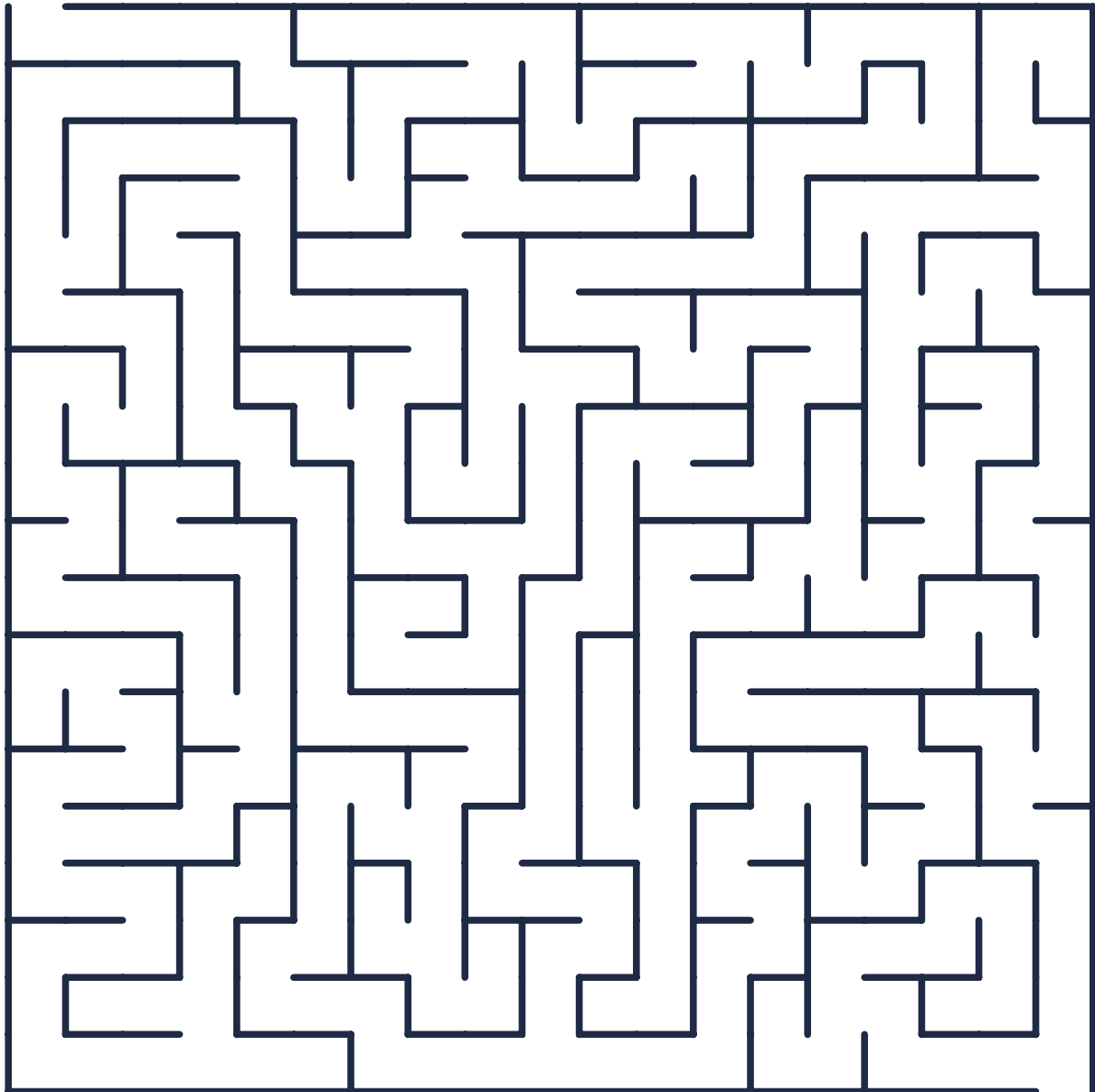
The great snowy maze

Ages 8–10 · Level 5 (Challenge) · about 20 minutes

Start at the present and find the one path to the tree. Use a pencil so you can rub out dead ends.



Start



Finish


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Christmas Number Riddle Code

Ages 8–10 · Level 4 (Tricky) · about 15 minutes

Each number stands for a letter: A = 1, B = 2 and so on. Crack the code to answer the riddle.

What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A

1

B

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X

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Y

25

Z

26

6

18

15

19

20

2

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20

5



24

Christmas Secret Message

Ages 8–10 · Level 5 (Challenge) · about 20 minutes

Every letter in this secret message has moved along the alphabet. Use the clues in the key to fill in the missing letters, then decode the message.

Each letter moved 2 places. Top row = code, bottom row = real letter.

C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
A	?	?	?	E	?	?	?	I	?	?	?	M
P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B
?	?	?	Q	?	?	?	U	?	?	?	Y	?

O G T T A

E J T K U V O C U

V Q C N N

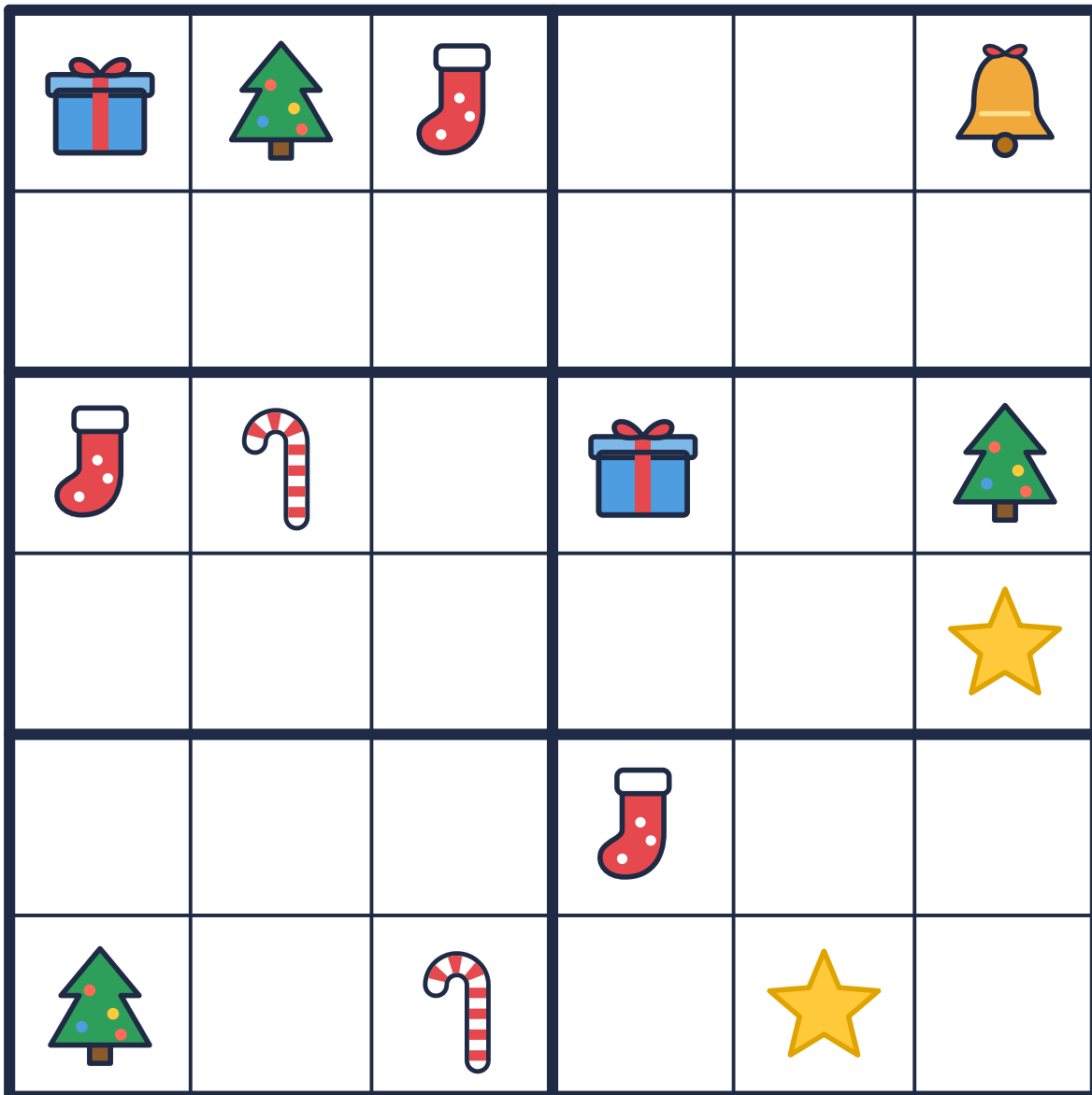
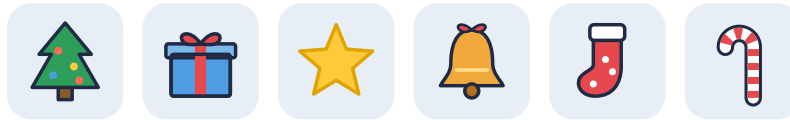


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Christmas Tree Picture Sudoku

Ages 8–10 · Level 5 (Challenge) · about 20 minutes

Draw the missing pictures. Each picture appears once in every row, every column and every 2 × 3 box.

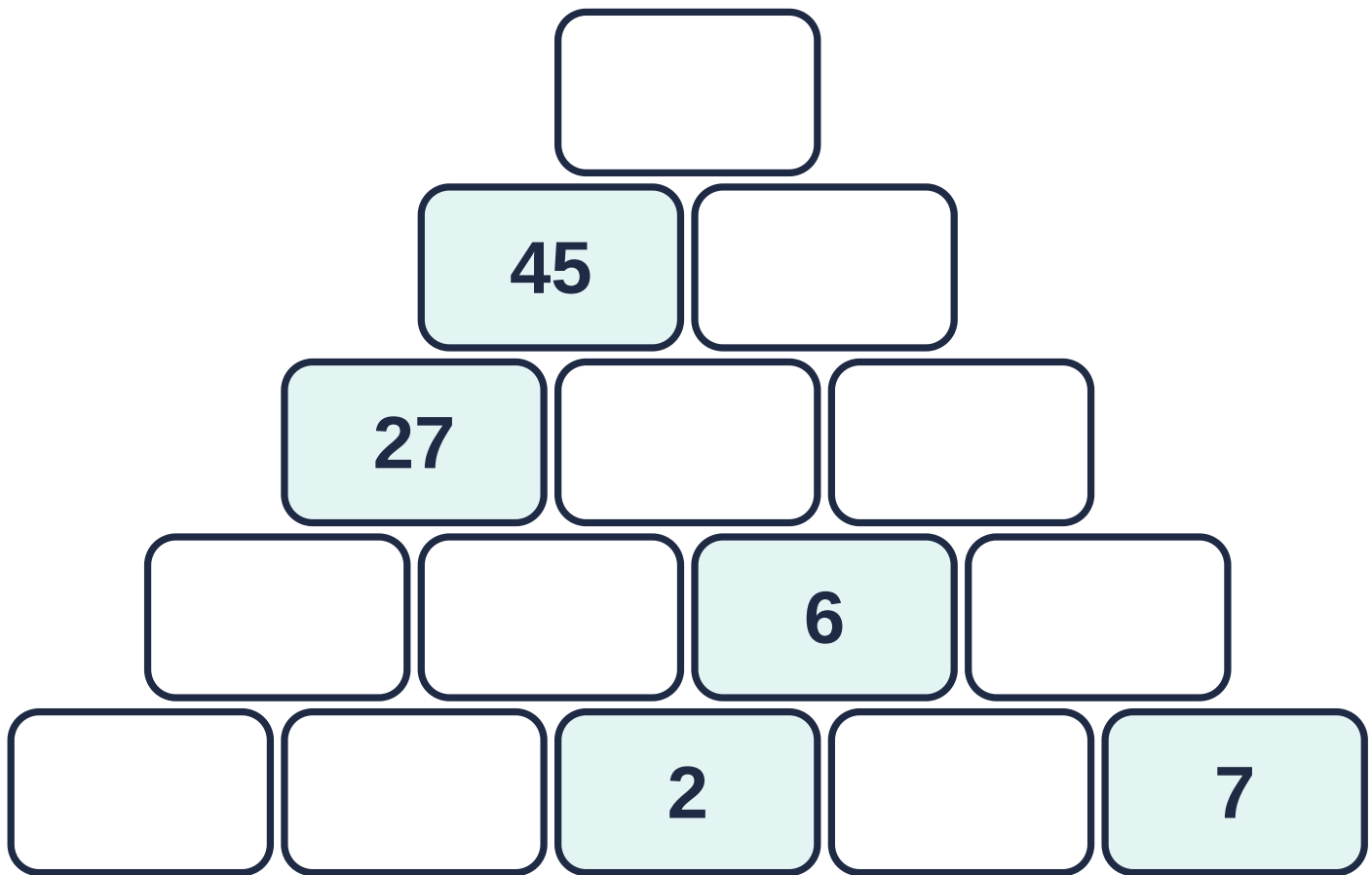


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Snowy Number Pyramid

Ages 8–10 · Level 5 (Challenge) · about 20 minutes

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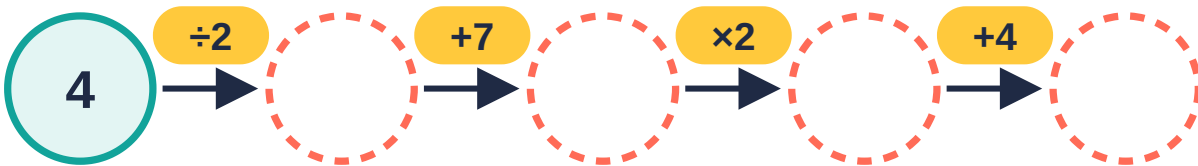
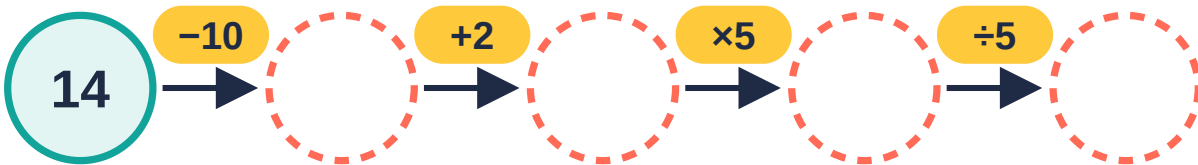
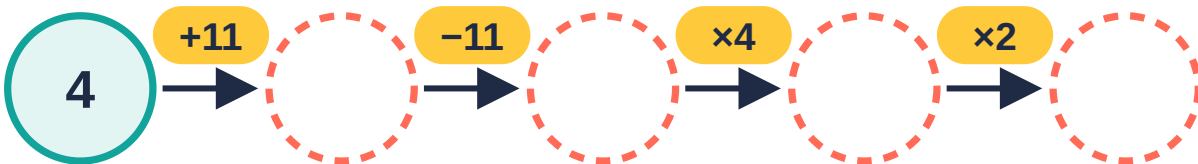


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Elf Factory Number Machine

Ages 8–10 · Level 4 (Tricky) · about 15 minutes

Start with the first number. Do each step in the yellow tags and write the answer in the next circle.

1. 
2. 
3. 



28

Christmas Story Problems

Ages 8–10 · Level 4 (Tricky) · about 15 minutes

Read each story carefully. Draw a picture if it helps, then write the answer in the box.

- 1 Ana pays with 100 coins for wrapping paper costing 36 coins and a card costing 27 coins. How much change does she get?

Answer: coins

- 2 A sleigh carries 9 sacks with 8 presents in each. How many presents are there?

Answer:

- 3 What is a quarter of 60 cookies?

Answer: cookies

- 4 A tree has 6 strings of lights with 14 bulbs on each. How many bulbs are there?

Answer:



29

Christmas Picture Sums

Ages 8–10 · Level 4 (Tricky) · about 15 minutes

Each picture stands for a number. Use the first line to find one picture, then use it to find the next.

$$\star + \star = 20$$

$$\star + \star + \text{candy cane} = 23$$

$$\text{candy cane} + \text{gift} + \text{gift} = 19$$

Find the value of each picture:

$$\star = \boxed{} \quad \text{candy cane} = \boxed{} \quad \text{gift} = \boxed{}$$



30

Christmas Detective Case

Ages 8–10 · Level 5 (Challenge) · about 20 minutes

Read the clues like a detective. Use the grid to mark what each child has and likes, then fill in the answer.

Clues

1. Priya does not love swimming.
2. The child who likes red best has the fish.
3. The child who likes blue best has the parrot.
4. The child who likes purple best has the rabbit.
5. Ravi does not like blue best.
6. The child who likes purple best loves singing.
7. The child who loves chess has the parrot.
8. Kofi does not have the rabbit.
9. Ravi does not like red best.
10. Kofi does not like red best.
11. Kofi does not like blue best.
12. The child who likes red best loves swimming.

	Colour				Pet				Hobby			
	green	purple	blue	red	parrot	cat	rabbit	fish	singing	swimming	football	chess
Hana												
Kofi												
Ravi												
Priya												

Tip: put ✓ for yes and × for no. Each row and column has only one ✓.

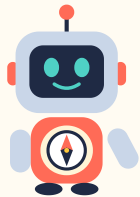




Christmas Puzzle Champion

This certificate is proudly given to

for solving the **Christmas Puzzle Pack** with patience, focus and
clever thinking.



Aara

Aara, Chief Puzzle Robot



Presented by (parent or teacher)

Date _____

Answer keys

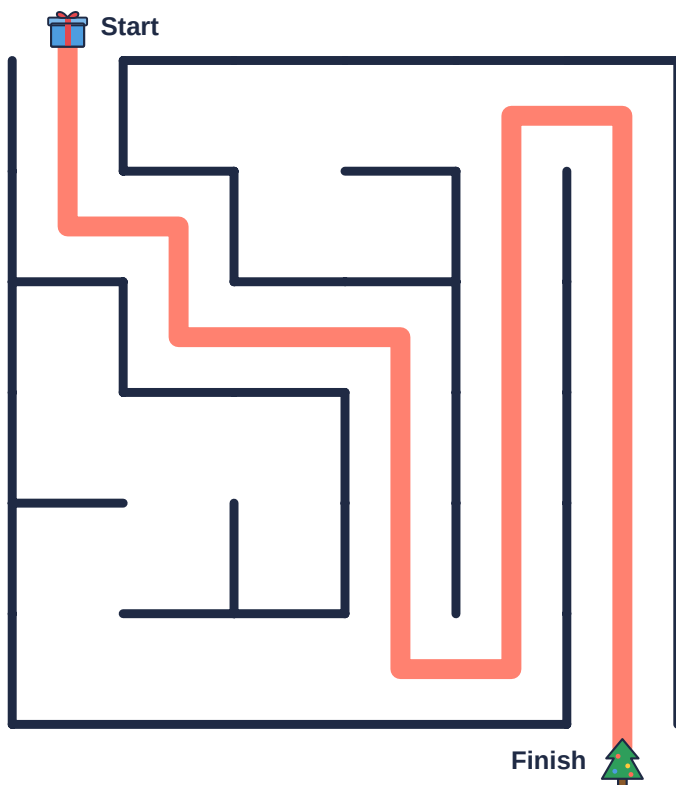
1. Christmas Word Search



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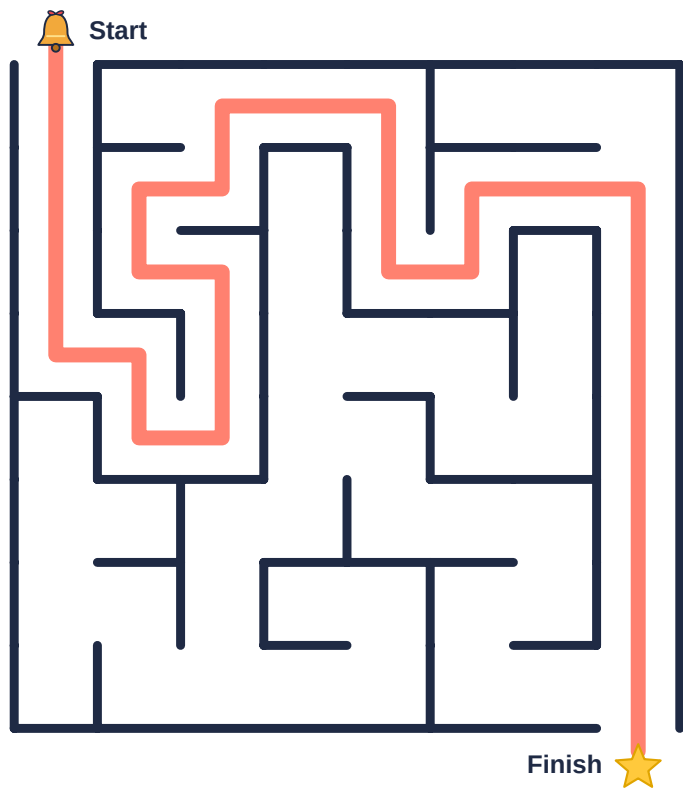
 **GIFT**

2. Take the present to the tree



Answer keys

3. Ring the bell, follow the star



4. Christmas Secret Word

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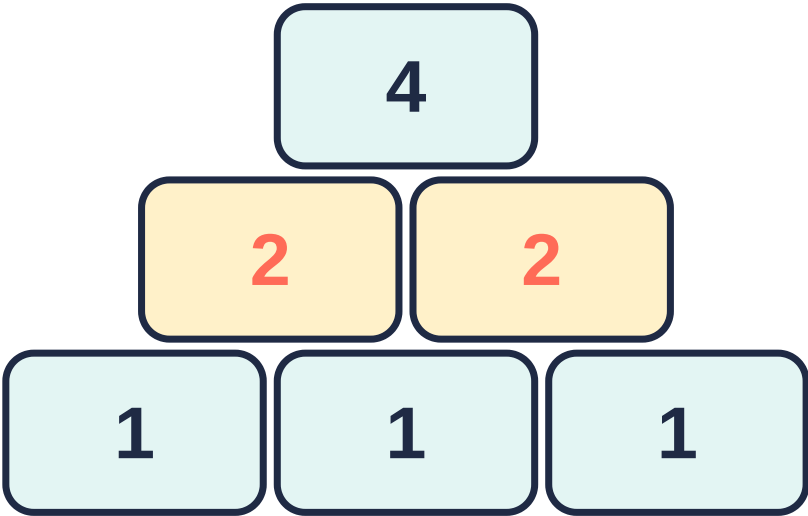
Answer keys

5. Christmas Tree Picture Sudoku



6. Snowy Number Pyramid



Answer keys

7. Twinkle Lights Number Patterns

1.



Rule: Count on in 2s

2.



Rule: Count on in 2s

3.



Rule: Count on in 1s

8. Christmas Story Problems

- 1 There are 4 presents under the tree and 2 more on the chair. How many presents are there?

Answer:

6

- 2 There are 7 cookies on a plate. Santa eats 3. How many cookies are left?

Answer:

4

- 3 Zoe hangs 5 red baubles and 3 gold baubles. How many baubles does she hang?

Answer:

8

Answer keys

9. Christmas Picture Sums

$$\text{bell} = 6$$

$$\text{tree} = 4$$

$$\text{tree} + \text{tree} = 8$$

$$\text{bell} + \text{bell} = 12$$

$$\text{tree} + \text{bell} = 10$$

10. Christmas Odd One Out

1.



It is a different picture.

2.



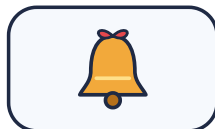
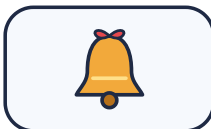
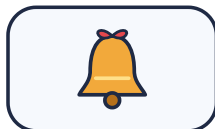
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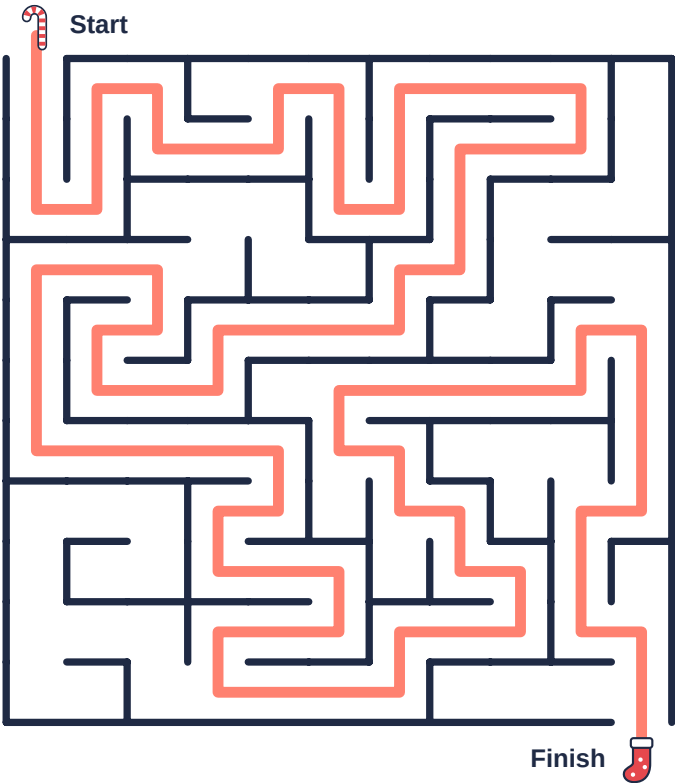
Answer keys

11. Christmas Word Search



- ☐ BELL
- ☐ ELF
- ☐ GIFT
- ☐ SANTA
- ☐ SNOWMAN
- ☐ STAR
- ☐ STOCKING
- ☐ TREE

12. Fill the stocking



Answer keys

13. Christmas Riddle Code

Who has a carrot nose and melts in the sun?

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14. Christmas Tree Picture Sudoku

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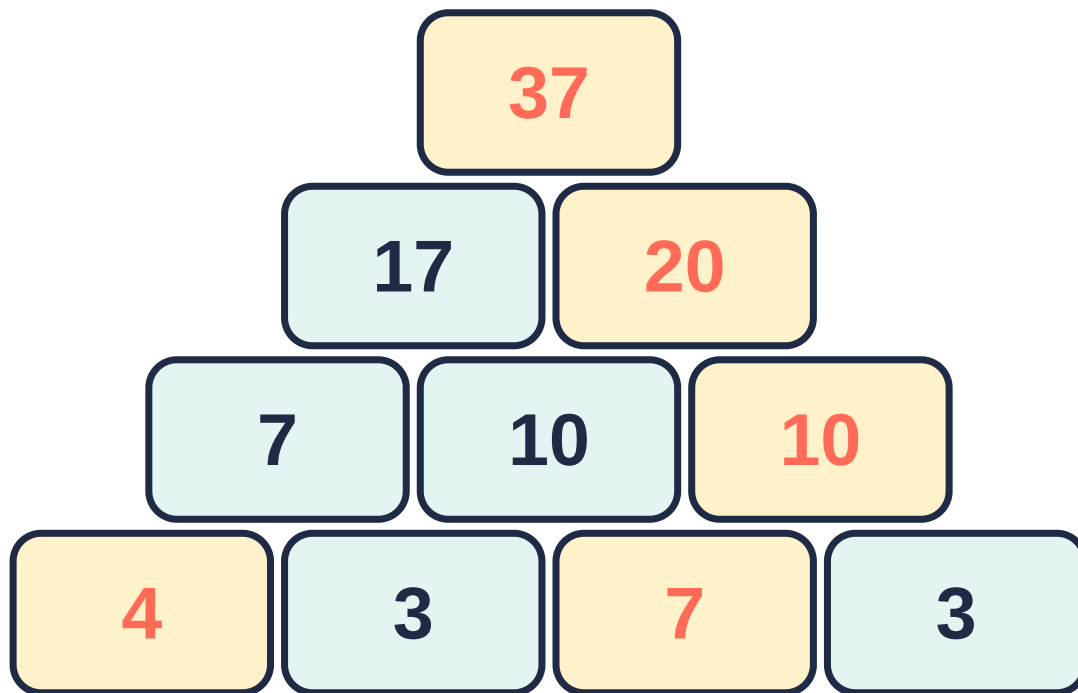
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★	📦	🧦	🎄	🔔	🍭
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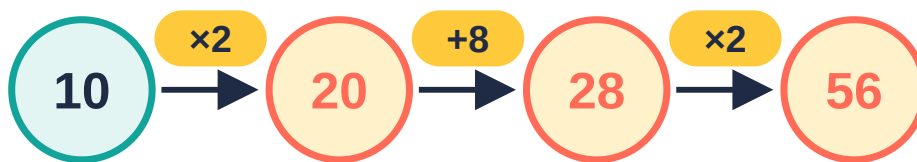
Answer keys

15. Snowy Number Pyramid

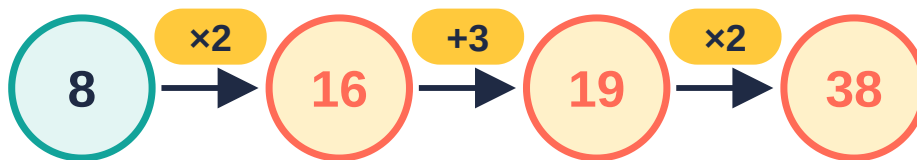


16. Santa's Workshop Number Machine

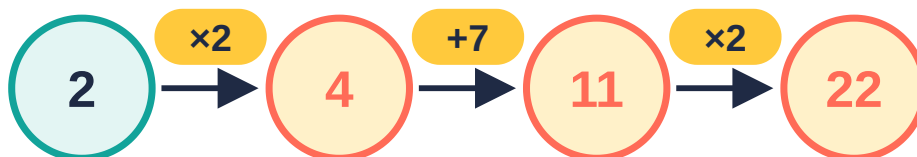
1.



2.



3.



Answer keys

17. Twinkle Lights Number Patterns

1. 64 70 76 82 88 94

Rule: Add 6 each time

2. 28 33 38 43 48 53

Rule: Add 5 each time

3. 16 13 10 7 4 1

Rule: Take away 3 each time

4. 53 60 67 74 81 88

Rule: Add 7 each time

18. Christmas Story Problems

- 1 20 candy canes are shared equally between 2 friends. How many candy canes does each friend get?

Answer: 10

- 2 Each stocking holds 5 treats. How many treats are in 4 stockings?

Answer: 20

- 3 32 children are singing carols. 15 go home. How many are still singing?

Answer: 17

- 4 The party starts at 4 o'clock and lasts 3 hours. At what o'clock does it end?

Answer: 7 o'clock

Answer keys

19. Christmas Detective Case

Clues

1. The child eating the apple has the parrot.
2. Hana does not have the dog.
3. Kofi does not eat the mango.
4. The child eating the cherry has the cat.
5. Kofi does not have the parrot.

	Pet			Fruit		
	cat	parrot	dog	cherry	apple	mango
Ben	×	×	✓	×	×	✓
Hana	×	✓	×	×	✓	×
Kofi	✓	×	×	✓	×	×

Ben has the dog and eats the mango.
Hana has the parrot and eats the apple.
Kofi has the cat and eats the cherry.

20. Christmas Odd One Out

1.

swan

tiger

koala

lion

The others are all animals.

2.

oval

circle

square

eagle

The others are all shapes.

3.

oval

triangle

cherry

square

The others are all shapes.

4.

19

27

4

9

The others are odd.

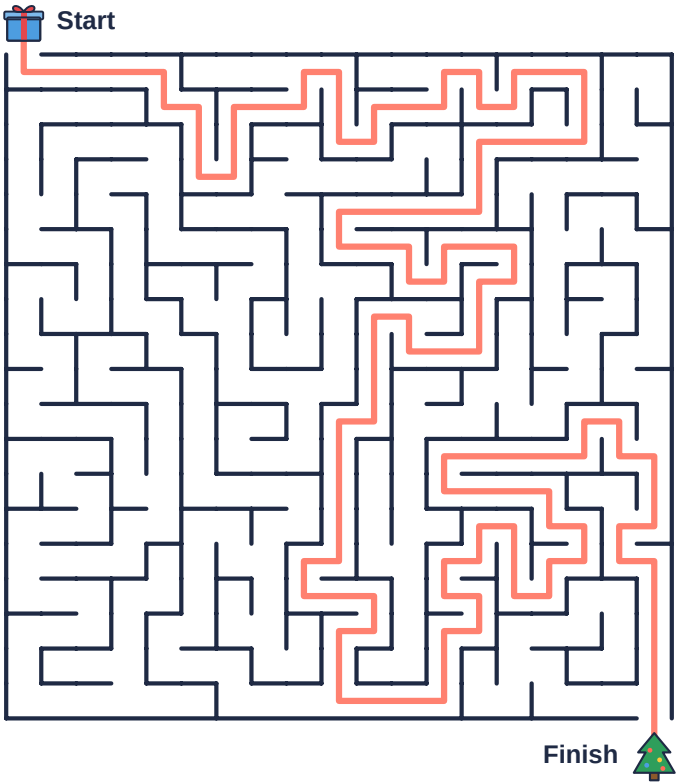
Answer keys

21. Christmas Word Search



- ☐ CANDYCANES
- ☐ CAROLS
- ☐ CHIMNEY
- ☐ CHRISTMAS
- ☐ MITTENS
- ☐ ORNAMENT
- ☐ PRESENTS
- ☐ REINDEER
- ☐ SLEIGH
- ☐ SNOWFLAKE
- ☐ STOCKING
- ☐ WREATH

22. The great snowy maze



Answer keys

23. Christmas Number Riddle Code

What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	F 6	G 7	H 8	I 9	J 10	K 11	L 12	M 13
N 14	O 15	P 16	Q 17	R 18	S 19	T 20	U 21	V 22	W 23	X 24	Y 25	Z 26

6 18 15 19 20 2 9 20 5

F R O S T B I T E

24. Christmas Secret Message

Each letter moved 2 places. Top row = code, bottom row = real letter.

C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

O G T T A

M E R R Y

E J T K U V O C U

C H R I S T M A S

V Q C N N

T O A L L

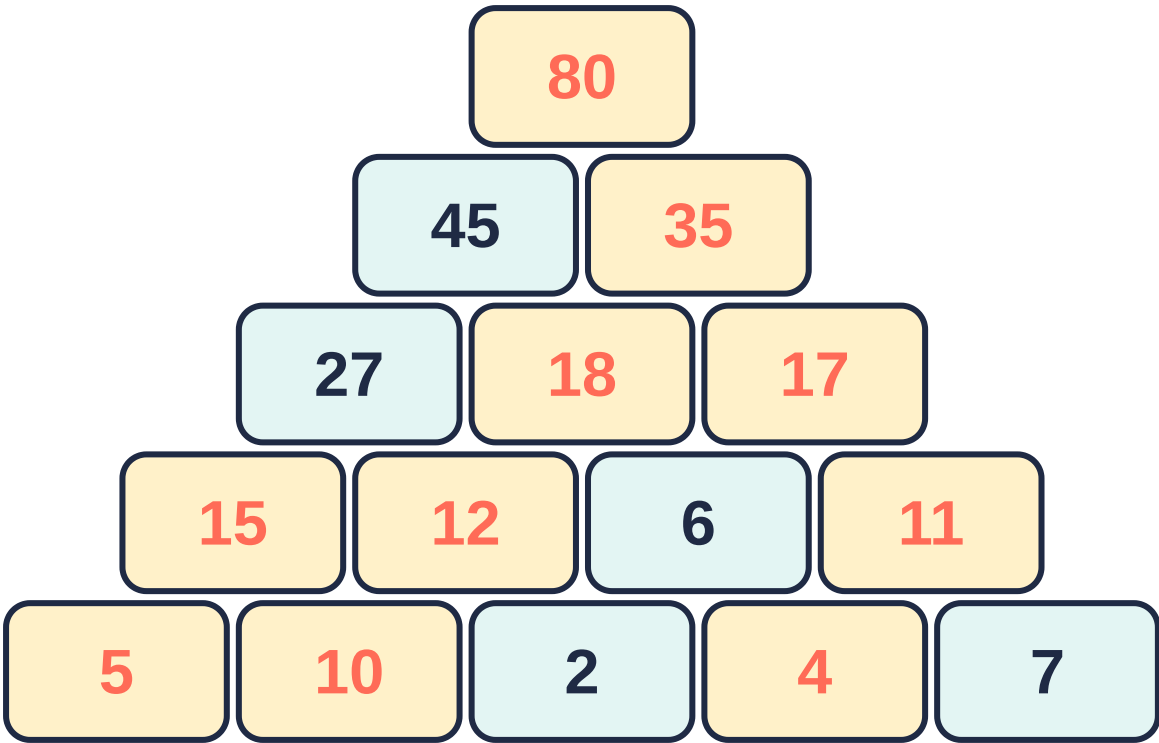
Answer keys

25. Christmas Tree Picture Sudoku



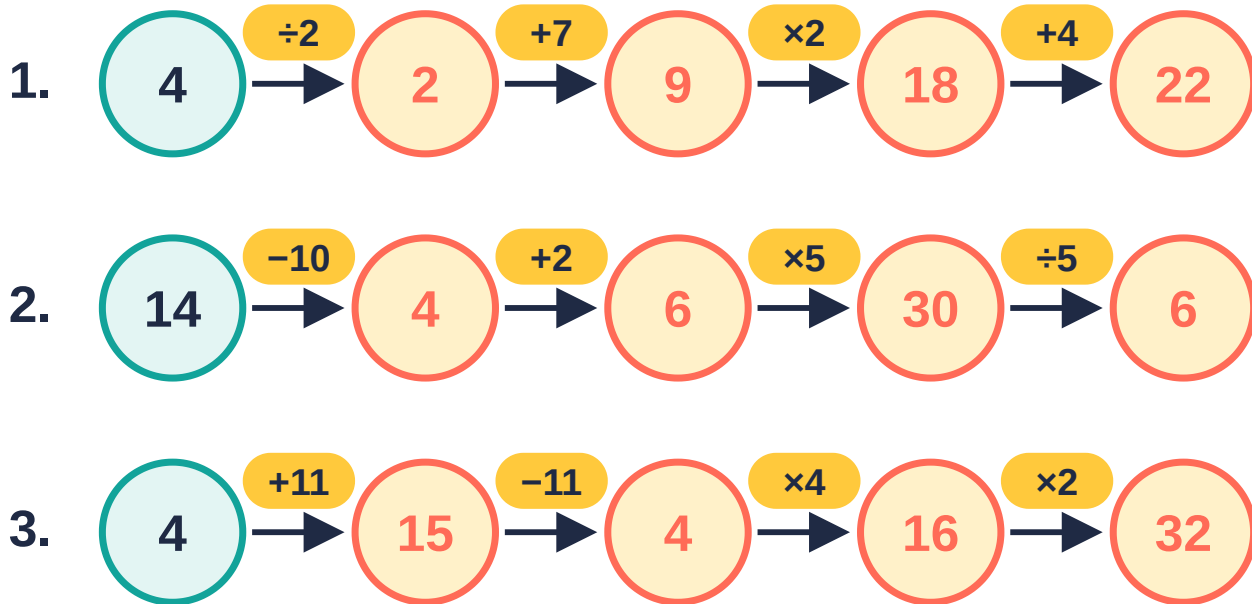
gift	tree	stocking	star	candy cane	bell
candy cane	star	bell	tree	gift	stocking
stocking	candy cane	star	gift	bell	tree
bell	gift	tree	candy cane	stocking	star
star	bell	gift	stocking	tree	candy cane
tree	stocking	candy cane	bell	star	gift

26. Snowy Number Pyramid



Answer keys

27. Elf Factory Number Machine



28. Christmas Story Problems

- 1 Ana pays with 100 coins for wrapping paper costing 36 coins and a card costing 27 coins. How much change does she get?

Answer: coins

- 2 A sleigh carries 9 sacks with 8 presents in each. How many presents are there?

Answer:

- 3 What is a quarter of 60 cookies?

Answer: cookies

- 4 A tree has 6 strings of lights with 14 bulbs on each. How many bulbs are there?

Answer:

Answer keys

29. Christmas Picture Sums

 +  = 20

 +  +  = 23

 +  +  = 19

Find the value of each picture:

 = 10  = 3  = 8

30. Christmas Detective Case

Clues

- 1. Priya does not love swimming.
- 2. The child who likes red best has the fish.
- 3. The child who likes blue best has the parrot.
- 4. The child who likes purple best has the rabbit.
- 5. Ravi does not like blue best.
- 6. The child who likes purple best loves singing.
- 7. The child who loves chess has the parrot.
- 8. Kofi does not have the rabbit.
- 9. Ravi does not like red best.
- 10.Kofi does not like red best.
- 11.Kofi does not like blue best.
- 12.The child who likes red best loves swimming.

	Colour				Pet				Hobby			
	green	purple	blue	red	parrot	cat	rabbit	fish	singing	swimming	football	chess
Hana	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x
Kofi	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Ravi	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x
Priya	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓

Hana likes red best and has the fish and loves swimming.
Kofi likes green best and has the cat and loves football.
Ravi likes purple best and has the rabbit and loves singing.
Priya likes blue best and has the parrot and loves chess.

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